

(ii) Four to six times daily to affected eye for the first 72 hours depending upon the severity of the condition. A small amount of ointment should be placed in the lower conjunctival sac.

(2) *Indications for use.* Treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis caused by pathogens susceptible to chloramphenicol.

(3) *Limitations.* Continue treatment for 48 hours (2 days) after eye appears normal. Therapy for cats should not exceed 7 days. Prolonged use in cats may produce blood dyscrasias. If improvement is not noted in a few days a change of therapy should be considered. When infection may be cause of disease, especially in purulent or catarrhal conjunctivitis, attempts should be made to determine through susceptibility testing, which antibiotics will be effective prior to applying ophthalmic preparations. This chloramphenicol product must not be used in animals producing meat, eggs, or milk. The length of time that residues persist in milk or tissues has not been determined. Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

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§ 524.390b Chloramphenicol ophthalmic solution.

(a) *Specifications.* Each milliliter contains 5 milligrams of chloramphenicol.

(b) *Sponsor.* See No. 017030 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use. Dogs and Cats—*
(1) *Amount.* Apply one or two drops, 4 to 6 times a day for the first 72 hours, depending upon the severity of the condition. Intervals between applications may be increased after the first 2 days.

(2) *Indications for use.* Treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis caused by organisms susceptible to chloramphenicol. Therapy should be continued for 48 hours after the eye appears normal.

(3) *Limitations.* Therapy for cats should not exceed 7 days. As with other antibiotics, prolonged use may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms. If superinfection occurs, or if clinical improvement is not noted within a reasonable period, discontinue use, and institute appropriate therapy. Prolonged use in cats may produce blood dyscrasias. Chloramphenicol

products must not be used in meat-, egg-, or milk-producing animals. The length of time that residues persist in milk or tissues has not been determined. Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

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§ 524.390d Chloramphenicol-prednisolone ophthalmic ointment.

(a) *Specifications.* Each gram contains 10 milligrams of chloramphenicol and 2.5 milligrams of prednisolone acetate.

(b) *Sponsor.* See No. 017030 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use. Dogs and cats—*
(1) *Amount.* Apply 4 to 6 times daily to the affected eye for the first 72 hours depending upon the severity of the condition. Continue treatment for 48 hours after the eye appears normal.

(2) *Indications for use.* Treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis and ocular inflammation caused by organisms susceptible to chloramphenicol.

(3) *Limitations.* Therapy for cats should not exceed 7 days, prolonged use in cats may produce blood dyscrasia. As with other antibiotics, prolonged use may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms. If superinfection occurs or if clinical improvement is not noted within a reasonable period, discontinue use and institute appropriate therapy. All topical ophthalmic preparations containing corticosteroids, with or without an antimicrobial agent, are contraindicated in the initial treatment of corneal ulcers. They should not be used until the infection is under control and corneal regeneration is well underway. Chloramphenicol products must not be used in meat-, egg-, or milk-producing animals. The length of time that residues persist in milk or tissues has not been determined. Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

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§ 524.402 Chlorhexidine.

(a) *Specifications.* Each gram of ointment contains 10 milligrams chlorhexidine acetate.

(b) *Sponsors.* See Nos. 000856 and 058829 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.